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## When the KGB Penetrated the FBI

Suddenly haunting the Federal Bureau of Investigation in early October was the nightmare of every intelligence organization—a trusted employee sharing government secrets with the other side.

For the first time ever, FBI agents arrested one of their own, Richard W. Miller of the Los Angeles office, on charges of spying for the Soviet Union. The 47-year-old Miller was accused of selling classified information to Svetlana Ogorodnikova, 34, a Soviet émigré with whom he allegedly had a sexual relationship. The FBI arrested the woman and her husband for passing the secrets on to KGB operatives in the Soviet consulate in San Francisco.

Although Miller is the only FBI agent ever charged with espionage, U.S. intelligence has had several turncoats in recent years. In 1978, Central

Intelligence Agency watch officer William Kampiles got a 40-year prison sentence for selling details about an American spy satellite. In 1980, former CIA agent David Henry Barnett drew an 18-year sentence for giving the Soviets the names of CIA recruits in Asia in exchange for \$92,000. In the 1950s and '60s, four spies were uncovered in the Pentagon and in the top-secret National Security Agency.

If convicted, Miller faces a possible life term in prison. Among information he allegedly sold in hopes of getting \$15,000 in cash and \$50,000 in gold was an FBI manual detailing American objectives and methods in obtaining foreign intelligence secrets.

To prevent infiltration, the FBI makes rigorous background checks of every person being considered for an agent's job. New agents are closely su-

pervised, and all agents undergo periodic lie-detector tests.

Miller, an agent for 20 years, had been reprimanded for being overweight and for selling Amway products from the trunk of his government car. But it was only by accident that the FBI had reason to suspect that he had gone over to the Soviets. While routinely watching Ogorodnikova because of her ties to the Soviet consulate, agents noticed that she was frequently visited by Miller.

The relationship between Miller, a married man with eight children, and the Soviet woman apparently was noticed much earlier by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, of which Miller was an active member. KSL-TV, a church-owned station in Salt Lake City, reported that the Mormons excommunicated Miller in July for having an extramarital affair. A church spokesman declined to confirm details of the station's report but stated: "He was a Mormon. He is no longer." □